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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN EMBASSY ISSUES STATEMENT CONDEMNING "SYSTEMATIC  
AND LARGE-SCALE AGGRESSION" BY THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

1. SUMMARY: THE CAMBODIAN EMBASSY DECEMBER 31 ISSUED A  
LENGTHY DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS IN  
PEKING CONDEMNING THE "SYSTEMATIC AND LARGE SCALE ACTS OF  
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2. SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN PEKING (NOT USLO)  
WERE NOTIFIED DECEMBER 30 THAT A PRESS CONFERENCE

WOULD BE HELD AT THE KAMPUCHEAN EMBASSY DECEMBER 31 AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME. DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, A STATEMENT WAS ISSUED CONDEMNING THE "ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM" AGAINST CAMBODIA (AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING, THE PRESS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN IN SESSION FOR 4 1/2 HOURS). AT 11:00 A.M. PEKING TIME, THE CAMBODIAN EMBASSY ISSUED A LENGTHY DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO MISSIONS IN PEKING CONDEMNING THE "REPEATED ACTS OF LARGE-SCALE AND SYSTEMATIC AGGRESSION AND INVASION" BY VIETNAM AGAINST CAMBODIA.

3. A TEN PAGE ENGLISH TRANSLATION WAS ISSUED WITH THE NOTE AND USLO HAS OBTAINED A COPY. EXCERPTS FROM THE NOTE ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
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